@ Rs. 400/MT for cement cleared in bulk. With effect from 3rd May 2007 the rates of excise duty in respect of large cement plants have been revised to 12% *ad-valorem* on RSP of cement exceeding Rs. 190/bag but not exceeding Rs. 250/bag.

b. In case of mini cement plants @ Rs. 220/MT for cement with Retail Sale Price (RSP) not exceeding Rs. 190 per bag of 50 Kg; @ Rs. 370/MT for RSP of cement exceeding Rs. 190/ bag; and @ Rs. 250/MT for cement cleared in bulk.

2. Education Cess on Excise Duty; @3% on Excise Duty.

3. Central Sales tax; @3%.

Imposed by State Governments:

1. Value Added Tax on cement: @ 12.5%.

2. Sales Tax on cement: Approximately 13.2% in States which do not impose Value Added tax.

3. VAT/Sales Tax on other inputs and stores: Rates vary from State to State.

4. In some States there are municipal Octroi duties which vary from city to city.

Royalty on limestone and coal: In addition to the above taxes, royalty is imposed on limestone and coal. Royalty on coal varies form Rs. 85/MT to Rs. 165/MT. The royalty on limestone is on an average Rs. 45/MT. Some States also impose a cess on royalty.

(d) The extent of Central and State taxes in April 2007 is estimated to be between Rs. 900 and Rs. 1250 per MT of cement.

Adverse affect of doing away compulsory package in sacks of Jute

†*590. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is considering to do away with the condition of packing grains, sugar and other materials in the sacks and sacks made of

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

jute as has been provided under the Jute Packaging Materials Act, 1987;

(b) whether the jute industry will be adversely affected as a result thereof; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken by Government to save this Industry?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Ban on export of Kabuli Channa

591. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had banned the export of pulses including Kabuli Channa, in June, 2006, which resulted in substantial crash of the price of Kabuli Channa; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government lifted that ban on export of Kabuli Channa on February 20, 2007 and allowed its export under specific permission by Director General of Foreign Trade; and

(c) if so, what are the names of the companies, alongwith the quantity of Kabuli Channa exported by each, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) The Government had banned the export of pulses including Kabuli Channa in June, 2006. Monthly domestic prices of Kabuli Channa are given in the enclosed Statement-I (*See* below).

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Subsequently with effect from 7th March, 2007 the export of Kabli Channa was allowed without any restrictions. The names of the companies and quantity of Kabuli Channa exported by them from 20.02.2007 to 30.04.2007 are given in the enclosed Statement-II.